Office of Governor Mitch Daniels

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Wal-Mart opens distribution center in Gas City

(April 10, 2007) - Governor Mitch Daniels, along with Gas City Mayor Larry Leach, Wal-Mart executives and local officials, welcomed Wal-Mart to Gas City and participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

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Governor Daniels praised the company for being one of the first of eight or nine distribution centers to commit to Indiana in the past few years.

It currently employs 500 associates, more than 40 managers and more than 25 supervisors, many of whom come from Grant County. Total employment is expected to be about 650 employees.

The center will supply goods to 93 stores in three states. The location chosen was based on its proximately to I-69, the potential growth of retail stores in the area and an available workforce.



Governor Daniels talks with Wal-Mart representatives at the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony in Gas City. The governor told the crowd that this showed that small-town America can win big economically.



Daniels touts full-day kindergarten at Greenstreet Elementary School

(April 9, 2007) - The governor met with teachers and visited full-day kindergarten classes at Greenstreet Elementary School in New Castle.

Greenstreet Elementary School is one of three New Castle schools that are already offering full-day kindergarten through a special state grant.

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Governor Daniels meets with Martinsville academic team members

(April 9, 2007) - Governor Mitch Daniels met with members of the 2007 Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon State Championship Team during their visit to the State House. Martinsville High School has won the IASP Academic Decathlon State Championship for 10 consecutive years from 1998 through 2007. As the highest scoring team in Indiana, Martinsville will represent the state at the United States Academic Decathlon national competition in Honolulu, Hawaii on April 20.

During his visit, the governor showed team members the sword on the fireplace with the words "The Blade" inscribed on it. The sword was presented to the governor during his time as director of the Office of the Management and Budget for President George W. Bush.



Governor Daniels shows Martinsville High School academic team member Aaron Keller a sword with the words "The Blade" inscribed on it.



Pictured from left: Coach Wayne Babbitt, Andy Lane, Amanda Schoolcraft, Bryan Dawson, Governor Daniels, Katie Hammitt, Aaron Keller, John Knox.



Governor Daniels meets with Senate Republican Interns

(April 11, 2007) - Governor Daniels met with members of the 2007 Senate Republican Legislative Internship Class in his office. The interns attend colleges and universities across the state and take a semester off to work closely with legislators during session. Daniels spoke with them about the progress of his legislative agenda.